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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of documents A7-A11 is described in the present specification. English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, English language abstracts are provided where available. Consequently, the foreign language documents have been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and, therefore, the document should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Documents A1-A3 and A10-A13 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during a search of the corresponding International application. Copies of these documents are not being provided since copies should have been provided directly by WIPO under an exchange program between the PTO, the EPO and the JPO. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Document A5 claims priority based on document A7.

Document A4 claims priority based on document A8.

Document A6 claims priority based on document A10.

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